

REMARKS

Claims 40 to 44, 69, 70, 72, and 74 are under consideration in the application. Claims 1 to 39, 45 to 68, 71, and 73 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The amendments add no new matter.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 71 and 73 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Lasken et al. (JBC, 271:17692-17696 (1996)). See Advisory Action at page 2. (See also, Final Office Action mailed February 14, 2003, at page 2.) The Examiner also stated that claims 40 to 44, 69, 70, 72, and 74 were allowed. See Advisory Action at page 1. Solely to expedite prosecution and not acquiescing to a rejection, applicants canceled claims 71 and 73. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 71 and 73 in a related application. Thus, after the amendment, all pending claims are allowed.


Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections. Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner does not find the claims allowable, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (650) 849-6620 to set up an interview.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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